

GUARDIAN FOR MRS. CURTISS.

Court Takes Step to Pay One of the Pinkney Heir's Debts.

Supreme Court Justice Guy appointed yesterday the Lawyers' Title Insurance and Trust Company as special guardian for Mrs. Julia M. Curtiss of Fairfield, Conn., in a proceeding to sell seven houses on West Sixty-eighth Street, between Columbus and Eighth Avenues, to the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank for \$178,500.

Mrs. Curtiss is a niece of Miss Mary G. Pinkney, who died about a year ago, leaving vast real estate interests in Harlem, including the block at 142d Street and Lenox Avenue, known as the Watt Farm. Mrs. Curtiss inherited property valued at about \$420,000 under her aunt's will. She is 47 years old, and on Aug. 17, 1907, was adjudged incompetent, through intemperance, to manage her own affairs by the Probate Court of Fairfield.

Elmore S. Banks and John C. Shaw were appointed a committee of her estate, and it was they who made the application yesterday. In their petition they state:

By reason of her extravagant habits and improvidence the said incompetent incurred a large amount of indebtedness prior to her adjudication as an incompetent, both in New York and Connecticut, to the amount of upward of \$50,000.

The money to be obtained from the sale of the property is to be used to pay off the balance of these debts, amounting to \$27,152, and to pay up taxes and mortgages and to settle all debts now outstanding.

HEARING FOR REFUGEES.

Two of the Russia's Stowaways Sent to Ellis Island by Washington's Order.

Barely fifteen minutes before the Russia sailed yesterday afternoon an order was received from the Bureau of Commerce and Labor at Washington to have Konstantin Grueff and Feodor Kassimiroff, two of the four stowaways on board, put off at Ellis Island and held for examination.

This action on the part of the immigration authorities was the result of a petition made by the Political Refugees' Defense League, through its counsel, Simon O. Pollock, 320 Broadway. The \$50 passage money for each man had been paid to Johnson & Co., agents of the Russian-American Line in this city, on Friday.

Mr. Pollock said yesterday that the league had taken up the case of the two men because they were political offenders and had not been aided in any manner by the Russian Immigrants' Society on Ellis Island. He said they were respectable, hard-working young men, and would make good citizens.

Ivan Malsennikoff and Ivan Worinkin, the two other Russian stowaways, were on board the Russia, it was said, when she sailed yesterday.

TARIFF AND OCEAN TRAVEL.

Steamship Agents Say the Discussion of the Schedule Holds Back Tourists.

According to shipping agents, the first-class Atlantic passenger traffic this year up to June 1 was 5 per cent. below last year and 15 per cent. below 1907. The delay in settling the tariff question at Washington is said to be the chief reason for this falling off. The manager of one of the big lines said yesterday that the tariff question was not only preventing manufacturers and merchants from going to Europe, but it was keeping the employees of the importing firms back.

"The large firms in this country," said the manager, "which import foreign goods on a big scale are naturally not going to send their buyers abroad until they see what the duties are going to be. As soon as the tariff is settled you will see an exodus to Europe that will bring this year's cabin traffic well up to, if not beyond, that of the last five years."

Tourist firms were of the same opinion regarding the falling off in the Summer vacation tours, but hope to have a late European season when the tariff is settled.

NIP MOURNS FOR LOST TUCK.

Brooklyn Twin Dog Dying of Grief for Absent One—Owner Offers Reward.

Somewhere in the great metropolis, perhaps fallen in with canine characters of shady reputation, and living a Bohemian life, a tenderly reared female terrier bearing the name of "Tuck" may be roving about, sleeping in doorways and being kicked by grouchy janitors, while over in Brooklyn her twin sister "Nip" whines and grieves out each long, dreary day, with her anxious little face constantly at the front parlor window, watching and waiting in vain for the return of the lost one.

Last night Tuck's owner, Mrs. K. Van Cott Jones of 209 Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, appealed to THE TIMES to aid her in her search for the missing Tuck. In this morning's issue will be found in the "Lost and Found" column an offer of a reward for the return of the dog.

"Nip and Tuck," said Mrs. Jones, "are twin terriers, and there has always been a strong bond of affection between them. In order that they might get more outdoor exercise we gave the dogs into the care of a friend who was to have taken both of them to a place in Bay Ridge. He took Nip there but placed Tuck in the hands of a man at 192 Broadway, Manhattan, to take to his place in Montclair. That was on May 25.

"The man into whose care Tuck was placed did not watch the dog carefully, and she was lost or stolen. We brought Nip back home again, and the dog is really grieving itself to death over the continued absence of its twin. It will not eat, and its manifestations of grief are really touching. I have been to every place where lost dogs that are picked up are taken, but have gained no trace of Tuck."